

Cleveland, Ohio
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My dearest Girl

Your letter of Sunday was the last thing I read last night and it certainly "climbed the fevered brow" and made the "Samb" feel very happy all over again. As usual - I got caught reading it in the office the day before - beaming with smiles for the first time since I came down here.

I am sticking about the office waiting for news or else I would go home, get your letter and answer it properly.

Tiny, we really must have our canoe trip. There are plenty of places to go and I've never been caught on a canoe trip in the rain except the one down the Matapedia and we certainly all enjoyed that just as

much as if it had been fine. I
did not know you were such a young
pessimist though.

Oh! I remember what I wanted
to do. I wanted to give you some
fatherly advice about your eyes.
In the first place go immediately
(if not sooner) to Dr. — oh the
man who beat me out at the
fancy dress ball when he went
as the "Rajah of Bom". I think
he is the very best; and nothing
but the very best is good enough
where eyes are concerned. The
chances are that you should
wear glasses while you are reading
or working. Probably you are
doing a little more work just
now to affect your eyes than you
have been accustomed to. But
anyway be sure not to put off

getting glasses if you³ need them.

Since I have been travelling I can always count on having good eyes in the morning by bathing them for a few seconds with weak boracic acid just before turning in. That of course is nearly altogether on account of dust.

Excuse this fatherly advice darling but I know nearly as well as anyone what a nuisance eyes may be if one is careless about them. And don't be too particular about getting ones that look nice, try to get a pair that fit. I know you would like to do something striking by getting a black-rimmed monocle with a heavy cord. But don't do it, you probably will not need to wear glasses except when you read anyway.

Only 3 weeks More.

I won't be able to get any special cards made this year for Christmas and I may only have 2 days to buy presents, so I think you are not going to have a much harder time than you truly. However I have one cinch because everybody has forgotten me and I have only about a dozen presents to get altogether.

There are 660 thousand people in Cleveland and it is very much spread out. It took me 35 minutes from the centre of the town to get to a customers office and I never changed cars on street.

The best show I have seen here was the "Dollar Princess" which was beautifully put on.

As you can see from my letter

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every sentence has to be torn out
by the roots, as I am just waiting
and waiting for the guillotine to
fall and bravely hoping that it
will strike my competitors and
not me.

I should like very much to
have been at Margaret's dance
or any other for that matter, if
Loie Sybil were there. My dances
with you have been so few and
far between that I have
never felt quite sure of myself
but have always been too much
"on my good behaviour", which
would make anyone ~~but~~ look foolish.

This is the night of the
dance in London. I thought
something would turn up.

I don't know who won the

Championship ² in football. That
shows how well informed they
are here about Canadian politics.
Tonight I will go to a public
reading room and see if I
can find out.

That quarry I was telling
you about would probably hide
about 15 buildings the size of
Morgans. It is 150 ft deep, or
about 10 or 12 stories.

I am so "up in the air" that
I can't talk - Adios.

Your affect. Cousin

Edward Spragg W.



